

SEC. 26. The Burgess and Commissioners may also grant franchises to any corporations, private companies or individuals to construct and operate a system for supplying water to the municipal authorities and inhabitants generally of Sharpsburg, and to contract with such corporations, private companies or individuals for the erection and maintenance of fire plugs and for supplying water for the public service of the town, and to regulate by ordinance all the operations of such corporations, private companies or individuals within the town.

SEC. 27. Nothing contained in the foregoing sections 25 and 26 shall be construed as authorizing the Burgess and Commissioners to issue bonds for the purposes therein mentioned.

SEC. 28. The Burgess and Commissioners shall have power to impose licenses upon all corporations, companies or individuals now operating or that may hereafter operate within the corporate limits of the town, telegraph, telephone, railway, water, electric or other lighting, heating and power systems and all property so employed shall be liable to municipal and State taxation; provided, that no greater sum than twenty dollars be charged for any license.

SEC. 29. The Burgess and Commissioners may by ordinance provide for the exemption from municipal taxation, for a period not exceeding five years, such manufacturing industries or establishments as they may deem expedient, which may hereafter be located in the town and shall employ not less than twenty hands.

SEC. 13. The Burgess and Commissioners shall have power to pass all ordinances necessary, in their judgment, for the good government of the town and to secure the safety thereof and its inhabitants; to prevent, remove and abate all nuisances or obstructions in or upon the streets, highways, lanes, alleys, draws, water courses, or in or upon any lot or lots adjacent thereto; to provide for imposing fine or fines upon any person or corporation causing or maintaining any such nuisance or obstruction; to repair or remove or cause to be repaired or removed, at the cost of the owner, any house, structure or object that may be dangerous to persons passing along or over any highway or that may be peculiarly liable to take fire; to make reasonable regulations in regard to building or repairing the same; to make and establish grades upon the streets, alleys or highways; to cause the sidewalks and gutters along the streets and highways to be graded, paved or improved at the cost of the abutting property or the owner thereof, to cause curbs to be set at the cost of the abutting property or the owner there-